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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Anthony A. Lapham
General Counsel

SUBJECT: Letter to Evelle J. Younger on Agency Participation
in Counterterrorism Training

1. I have some doubts concerning the propriety of the Agency attending Mr. Younger's proposed training exercise on counterterrorism and would like to know more about it before making a final decision. A letter to him for your signature is attached. The letter requests more information and asks that he send his response to me.

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2. A member of my Office has discussed the proposed exercise with [redacted] of OMS who specializes in the psychological aspects of dealing with terrorists. [redacted] has expressed interest in the exercise but looks to my Office for guidance which I will give following receipt of additional information from Mr. Younger.

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Anthony A. Lapham

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July 1, 1976

The Honorable George Bush
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Re: Training Exercise - Terrorism

Dear George:

The attached copy of a letter to Admiral Bayne is self-explanatory.

I hope you can arrange for CIA participation in this training exercise. Since we are plowing new ground, we will be grateful for any help we can get.

Sincerely,

EVELLE J. YOUNGER
Attorney General

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Vice Admiral M. G. Bayne
National Defense University
Washington, D. C. 20319

Re: Training Exercise - Terrorism

Dear Admiral Bayne:

As Attorney General, it is my responsibility to insure that the laws of California are uniformly and effectively enforced. In fulfilling these responsibilities, I am, of course, deeply concerned over the increase in the number of terrorist incidents that have occurred in the United States and, particularly, in California in recent years. We have had more than our share.

Some members of our staff probably know as much about this subject as anyone else in the country, but we don't pretend to know enough. Similarly, our files contain probably as much information about terrorist activities in California as do the files of any other agency, but we need more.

We must develop new and more effective techniques for obtaining and evaluating information concerning terrorist activities. In an effort to upgrade our capability, we are planning a training program in the fall. We want to use a "war games" format, involving experts on the subject, a number of whom are available in California, in exercises based on simulated terrorist acts.

This is purely a training program. We do not seek intelligence information from any other agencies nor do we wish to involve other agencies in any investigative activity.

Captain William E. Zidbeck, USN, a member of your National Defense University staff, is one of the most knowledgeable men in government concerning this type of training exercise. He has indicated that he would be happy to assist us in planning the format for the above described training program.

Vice Admiral M. J. Bayne

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I have also discussed this matter with the Honorable George Bush, Director of the CIA and the Honorable Harold R. Tyler, Jr., Deputy Attorney General, U. S. Department of Justice, in an effort to involve the CIA and the FBI in the program.

We are also inviting Robert Searcy of the State Department to participate. He has lectured at the War College on the subject of terrorism and his participation would be mutually beneficial.

It is requested that you arrange for Captain Zidbeck to come to California and meet with members of my staff sometime during the first two weeks in August in order to work out details of the exercise which hopefully can be scheduled for the fall. Your cooperation will be deeply appreciated.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

EVELLE J. YOUNGER
Attorney General

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cc: Hon. George Bush, Director, CIA
Hon. Harold R. Tyler, Jr., Dep. Attorney General
Capt. Lennart G. Holmberg, USN, NDU
Mr. Robert Searcy, State Department
Capt. Wm. D. Zidbeck, USN, NDU